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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

Response to Amendment

Applicant requests a supplementary Office Action to clarify the pertinence of reference U.S. Patent No. 6,406,093 B1 to Miotto et al. However, Examiner finds that the previous Office Action is sufficiently clear for Applicant to properly respond to the 35 USC 102(b) rejection of claims 1-38. While Applicant states that Examiner Vu agreed to mail a supplementary Office Action, no Interview Summary is in the record to provide a complete and accurate record of the substance of the telephone conversation of 14 December 2005.

The reply filed on 14 December 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant did not address the merits of the rejection of claims 1-38 or amend the claims to read over the prior art. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph F. Edell whose telephone number is (571) 272-6858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm.

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Joe Edell
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